

Exhibit 6

Trends in Pharmacy Costs and Utilization

Aged, Blind and Disabled Aid Categories Only

Los Angeles County Fee for Service Enrollees (excludes non-FFP aid categories)

EDS processed pharmacy claims and state drug/supply codes paid through June 30, 1999

Years shown based on date of service; excludes Medicare crossover claims

Highlighted cells indicate likely cost contributors

1997 Avg Monthly Eligibles: 389,062
 1998 Avg Monthly Eligibles: 390,804
 % chg: 0%

	Total Expenditures (000s)			Net Increase/Decrease (000s)	Total Prescriptions (000s)		
	1997	1998	% chg		1997	1998	% chg
Anti-Infective	\$50,798	\$58,710	16%	\$7,912	878	874	0%
Biologicals	\$1,037	\$1,154	11%	\$117	2.6	3.5	32%
Antineoplastic	\$7,765	\$10,144	31%	\$2,380	43	54	26%
Endocrine/Metabolic	\$34,019	\$51,659	52%	\$17,639	815	929	14%
Cardiovascular	\$92,018	\$106,921	16%	\$14,902	2,208	2,368	7%
Respiratory	\$19,829	\$23,322	18%	\$3,493	918	959	5%
Gastrointestinal	\$54,059	\$61,756	14%	\$7,697	1,007	1,038	3%
Genitourinary	\$3,032	\$3,322	10%	\$290	105	110	4%
CNS	\$59,421	\$95,061	60%	\$35,640	1,333	1,440	8%
Analgesics/Anesthetics	\$24,374	\$27,494	13%	\$3,120	1,357	1,397	3%
Neuromuscular	\$22,497	\$26,010	16%	\$3,513	563	594	6%
Nutritional	\$7,522	\$9,708	29%	\$2,185	253	289	14%
Hematological	\$14,533	\$17,005	17%	\$2,472	253	277	9%
Topical	\$19,285	\$23,057	20%	\$3,772	783	841	7%
Miscellaneous*	\$100,550	\$136,664	36%	\$36,113	2,043	3,090	51%
TOTAL	\$510,740	\$651,987	28%	\$141,247	12,560	14,265	14%

	PMPM			Prescriptions per 1,000			Cost per Prescription		
	1997	1998	% chg	1997	1998	% chg	1997	1998	% chg
Anti-Infective	\$10.88	\$12.52	15%	2,256	2,237	-1%	\$57.87	\$67.15	16%
Biologicals	\$0.22	\$0.25	11%	6.7	8.9	32%	\$396.20	\$333.39	-16%
Antineoplastic	\$1.66	\$2.16	30%	110	138	26%	\$181.70	\$187.72	3%
Endocrine/Metabolic	\$7.29	\$11.02	51%	2,094	2,378	14%	\$41.75	\$55.59	33%
Cardiovascular	\$19.71	\$22.80	16%	5,676	6,060	7%	\$41.67	\$45.15	8%
Respiratory	\$4.25	\$4.97	17%	2,359	2,455	4%	\$21.61	\$24.31	12%
Gastrointestinal	\$11.58	\$13.17	14%	2,588	2,656	3%	\$53.69	\$59.49	11%
Genitourinary	\$0.65	\$0.71	9%	269	280	4%	\$28.92	\$30.33	5%
CNS	\$12.73	\$20.27	59%	3,426	3,686	8%	\$44.58	\$66.00	48%
Analgesics/Anesthetics	\$5.22	\$5.86	12%	3,488	3,575	3%	\$17.96	\$19.68	10%
Neuromuscular	\$4.82	\$5.55	15%	1,447	1,520	5%	\$39.95	\$43.78	10%
Nutritional	\$1.61	\$2.07	28%	650	738	14%	\$29.75	\$33.64	13%
Hematological	\$3.11	\$3.63	16%	651	709	9%	\$57.38	\$61.38	7%
Topical	\$4.13	\$4.92	19%	2,012	2,152	7%	\$24.64	\$27.41	11%
Miscellaneous*	\$21.54	\$29.14	35%	5,250	7,906	51%	\$49.23	\$44.23	-10%
TOTAL	\$109.40	\$139.03	27%	32,282	36,501	13%	\$40.66	\$45.71	12%

* Miscellaneous includes Antiseptic-Disinfectants, Antidotes, Diagnostic Products, Chemicals, Medical Devices, Supplies, Pharmaceutical Adjuvants and other Unspecified Compounds